



2023
APRIL 5 & 6



OHIO **EMA** **SPRING CONFERENCE**



Department of
Public Safety

Ohio EMA coordinates activities to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters.

Crowne Plaza Columbus North - Worthington

6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus, OH 43229

<https://www.cpcolumbusnorth.com/> 614.885.1885

Conference Registration:

To register for the conference please visit Ohio Department of Public Safety Training Campus (PSTC) by clicking [HERE](#). **Each attendee must register through their own training campus account.** Registration questions should be directed to Benjamin Weisbrod at 614.799.3666 or bmweisbrod@dps.ohio.gov.

Lodging:

Ohio EMA has a room block for the night of April 5, 2023, these rooms are available at the GSA rate. County EMA's that wish to stay at the hotel are responsible for making their reservation, paying for the room and canceling reservations if needed. The cutoff date to make a room reservation is **Tuesday, March 14, 2023**. If the deadline is missed there is no guarantee that rooms will be available at the GSA rate. You can make your room reservation by clicking [HERE](#) or call 614-885-1885, option #2 and refer to the group "OEM" arriving on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 to the reservation agent.

Coffee:

Ohio EMA will provide coffee on Thursday, April 6, in the morning and again in the afternoon. Lunch is on your own, but the hotel does have a breakfast/lunch buffet on-site.

Health Precautions:

Ohio EMA will have optional masks available for the duration of the conference at the registration desk. There will also be hand sanitizer available throughout the venue.

Other:

- **Wi-Fi:** Free Wi-Fi will be available within the Crown Plaza. Enable Wi-Fi on your phone, you will see a screen from IHG to enter your last name and your room number. Conference attendees not using lodging enter the hotel access code of "CMHDA".
- **Parking:** Free parking on-site.
- **Presentations:** Conference presentations will be uploaded to the Ohio EMA website within two weeks post-conference [HERE](#).
- **Feedback:** In an effort to ensure Ohio EMA is facilitating a meaningful conference, a survey will be sent to all attendees within a few days of the conference adjourning. Ohio EMA appreciates the valuable feedback we receive and incorporates this feedback into future agendas.

Booths:

On April 6, there will be a display tables outside the main meeting space. Please stop by and visit the various displays:

- Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC)
- National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC)
- Ohio Public Private Partnership (OP3)
- Volunteer Organizations Aiding in Disaster (VOAD)
- National Weather Service (NWS)
- United States Environment Protection Agency (US EPA) – Ohio Mapping Project
- Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS) – FEMA/DHS

APRIL 5, 2023 – DAY 1

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Registration

Ohio EMA Training Section Staff

TIME

PRESENTATION

SPEAKER

1:00 – 1:15 PM

Welcome
Presentation of Colors
Pledge of Allegiance

Ohio Emergency Management Agency
Ohio National Guard

1:15 – 1:30 PM

Opening Comments

Sima S. Merick, Executive Director
Ohio Emergency Management Agency

1:30 – 1:45 PM

Opening Comments

Andy Wilson, Director
Ohio Department of Public Safety

1:45 – 2:15 PM

FEMA Update

Thomas C. Sivak, Administrator FEMA
Region V

2:15 – 2:30 PM

Break

2:30 – 3:00 PM

U.S. EPA Inland Planning Initiative &
Mapping Tools

Jacquelyn Cole, EPA On-Scene
Coordinator and Jon Gulch, EPA On-
Scene Coordinator

3:00 – 3:15 PM

Break

3:15 – 4:00 PM

The Intersection of Human Trafficking
& Emergency Management

Maria Busch, State Anti-Trafficking
Coordinator, Ohio Department of Public
Safety

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APRIL 6, 2023 – DAY 2

7:00 – 8:00 AM

Registration

Ohio EMA Training Section Staff

TIME

PRESENTATION

SPEAKER

8:00 – 8:45 AM

First Responder Wellness Program & Resource Overview

Steven M. Click, Director Ohio Office of First Responder Wellness, Office of Criminal Justice Services, Ohio Department of Public Safety

8:45 – 9:00 AM

Break

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Climate Trends

State Climate Office of Ohio & The National Weather Service

10:00 – 10:15AM

Break

10:15 – 11:15 AM

Feel Confident Sending Alerts & Warnings with Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS)

Jody Smith, IPAWS Technical Support Services Facility Manager, National Continuity Programs Office DHS/FEMA

11:15 – 11:30 PM

Break

11:30 – 12:15 PM

The Columbus Zoo & Aquarium, Emergency Response

Steven Langton, Director of Safety & Security, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

12:15 – 1:30 PM

Lunch (Columbus Zoo and Aquarium will have some special visitors 12:15 – 1:15)

1:30 – 2:15 PM

Agroterrorism: Interagency Coordination & Joint Investigations

U.S. Special Agent Richard Maier, FBI Cincinnati, Weapons of Mass Destruction Coordinator

2:15 – 2:30PM

Break

2:30 – 3:45 PM

In-Depth with the Electric Power Sector: Preparing For and Responding To All Hazards

Scott Aaronson, Senior Vice President, Security & Preparedness, Edison Electric Institute

3:45 – 4:15 PM

Closing Remarks / Open Q & A

Ohio EMA Executive Panel

Adjourn Conference

PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

DAY 1

FEMA Update

Tom Sivak, FEMA Region 5 Administrator, will provide an overview of the agency's transition to action-based programs that build on progress and deliver outcomes for FEMA's strategic goals and objectives. Emphasizing a proactive approach to emergency management, he will discuss using targeted mitigation investments, leveraging data to support socially vulnerable populations and increasing whole community partnerships to build resilience and directly address increasing threats from our changing climate.



Thomas Sivak

U.S. EPA Inland Planning Initiative & Mapping Tools

In 2019, EPA began the process of developing several State-wide Inland Area Contingency Plans, which cover discharges of oil subject to the Clean Water Act Regulations and releases of hazardous substances. Specifically, the Plans cover EPA Authority and Jurisdiction; areas of special economic interest and environmental importance; integration of existing State, Local and Industrial Plans; Contacts, Notifications, Resources in the area and Mutual Aid; Hazard Analysis of historic discharges, most probable discharges, and Worst-Case Discharges (WCD) from industrial sources; and Pre-planning for responses to WCD. The Plans also include a first operational period Incident Action Plan, specific County Fact Sheets, Habitat/Species Fact Sheets, and any available resource lists from Agencies and Industry. This presentation will briefly discuss the Plans and establish timeframes for the development and meeting schedules for the seven Ohio Inland Areas. EPA will also discuss the Ohio Mapping Project (www.rtt5.org, Interactive Mapping Tab) and how it could be useful for EMAs in responding to spills, developing plans, and visually displaying situational awareness during exercises.



The Intersection of Human Trafficking & Emergency Management

In 2020, Ohio reported the sixth highest number of human trafficking cases to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. Further, the University of Cincinnati estimates that from 2014 to 2016, there were over 1,000 known victims of human trafficking identified in Ohio. While Ohio is making large strides in identifying and assisting victims, there are many victims who go un-identified due to the hidden nature of the crime and the tactics used by traffickers to control victims. As a result, human trafficking is very difficult to identify by the untrained eye. This session will provide attendees with the knowledge and tools to both identify and respond to potential instances of human trafficking in the context of large events, disasters, and other emergencies.



Maria Busch

Attendees will 1) learn the legal definition of the crime, 2) review sample cases of both sex and labor trafficking that have occurred in Ohio, 3) discuss the signs and indicators to aid in identification, and 4) learn how to respond and connect to existing resources. This session will both educate attendees on how human trafficking occurs, and equip them with practical tools to disrupt it.

DAY 2

First Responder Wellness Program & Resource Overview

Connecting the First Responder Community with mental health resources and programs is the foundation of the Ohio Office of First Responder Wellness. Many agencies are not familiar with what resources are available for their personnel. This overview provides information about the various programs in the State of Ohio.

Often, agencies or individuals don't know who to contact in their area and mental health providers want to connect with First Responders but don't know how to start the conversation.

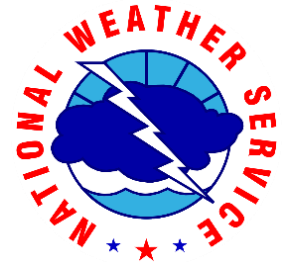
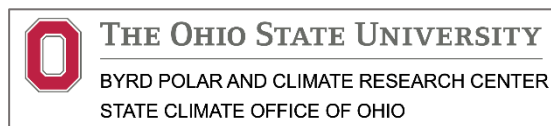
The goal of this overview is to familiarize agencies and leadership about programs and training that is available for them but to also encourage building partnerships between the First Responder Community and mental health.



Steven Click

Climate Trends

The National Weather Service presentation will review the differences between weather and climate. Despite these differences, the connection between weather and climate is critical to understanding the observed trends and what those trends tell us about the individual types of weather disasters. Looking at the state more specifically, the State Climate Office of Ohio will be discussing observed and predicted climate trends and how these trends will have a multi-faceted impact on the state.



Feel Confident Sending Alerts & Warnings with IPAWS

Over 1,700 public safety officials use IPAWS to disseminate alerts, warnings, and notifications (AWN) to the public. Public Safety Communication officials are the foundation of emergency response and play an important role in saving lives through this process. The IPAWS Technical Support Staff have developed scenario-based training to facilitate critical thinking and empower public safety communication officials to effectively use IPAWS. Attendees to this session will get a firsthand look at this capability, its benefit, and ways to help them prepare for these situations.



Jody Smith

The Columbus Zoo & Aquarium, Emergency Response

This presentation on Emergency Response at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, will discuss the mission, vision and goals of the Zoo and how the safety and security department fits into that framework. Some of the main topics discussed will include:

- High-Level overview of the campus-wide emergency response plan
- Requirements of the AZA, ZAA, and USDA as they relate to emergencies
- Environmental and Operational challenges
- Internal and external partnerships
- The added dynamic of emergency response involving dangerous animals
- Continued improvements and the future



Steven Langton

DAY 2 cont.

Agroterrorism: Interagency Coordination & Joint Investigations

This presentation will hit the highlights of the Animal/Plant Health Joint Criminal – Epidemiological Investigation Course held at the Ohio Department of Agriculture.



Some of the key take ways from this presentation will include:

- Understand law enforcement and animal -plant health agency roles, responsibilities, and authorities during an outbreak of an unusual, suspicious, and/or high consequence animal or plant disease incidents.
- Law enforcement threat assessments, intelligence, and criminal/terrorism investigations.
- Animal/Plant Health (veterinary and plant disease unusual disease incident epidemiological investigations).
- Determine if disease introductions are accidental, natural, or intentional (criminal-terrorism-espionage) incidents.
- Identify assets and capabilities for each discipline.
- Demonstrate types of information collected by law enforcement & animal/plant health experts & how/when to share it.
- Best practices for conducting a joint threat assessment, joint investigations, joint interviews, and evidence collection.
- Develop inter-professional relationships between law enforcement and animal/plant health experts.

In-Depth with the Electric Power Sector: Preparing For and Responding To All Hazards

The energy grid of North America is among our most critical infrastructure. The electric power sector has a long history of partnering to respond when operations are impacted, and increasingly works closely with governments at all levels to prepare for and respond to all manner of incidents. This keynote discussion will be an opportunity to hear about the threats facing grid operators – both from criminal acts and natural hazards – and to better understand how to partner with electric companies before, during, and after incidents.



Scott Aaronson



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